

## Cindy Murray

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**From:** Michael McLaughlin  
**Sent:** Monday, July 01, 2013 3:41 PM  
**To:** David Moran; Cindy Murray  
**Subject:** Fw: Your support is needed to ensure Senate HELP Committee passage of the Murray-Isakson bill to reauthorize the Workforce Investment Act  
**Attachments:** Draft letter to HELP members.doc  
**Importance:** High

Fyi + contact Ms. Mach

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**From:** Leta Mach  
**Sent:** Monday, July 01, 2013 3:26:19 PM  
**To:** Michael McLaughlin  
**Cc:** Council  
**Subject:** FW: Your support is needed to ensure Senate HELP Committee passage of the Murray-Isakson bill to reauthorize the Workforce Investment Act

I'd like to have this on our agenda July 10. We have earlier sent a letter about the Workforce Investment Act. Now the process is moving to another stage and we can send another letter.

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**From:** Neil Bomberg [bomberg@nlc.org]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 01, 2013 2:31 PM  
**To:** Neil Bomberg  
**Subject:** FW: Your support is needed to ensure Senate HELP Committee passage of the Murray-Isakson bill to reauthorize the Workforce Investment Act

Dear Human Development Policy and Advocacy Committee Members,

This is an urgent request for assistance. If you have a senator in your state who is a member of the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP) Committee please follow the directions below very carefully.

On or shortly after July 15, Senators Patty Murray (D-WA) and Johnny Isakson (R-GA) intend to introduce a bi-partisan bill in the Senate that would reauthorize the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) of 1998. Before the full Senate considers the bill, it will have to be reviewed and hopefully adopted by the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP) Committee. This bill is absolutely necessary for our communities and cities and towns if we as a nation are going to put American's back to work, ensure that every American is prepared for work, and provide every worker with the skills that employers tell us they need.

NLC believes that the bill deserves the full support of America's cities and towns. As drafted, it is very favorable to local governments, includes everything that we have asked the Senate to include, and is the perfect antidote to the House WIA Reauthorization bill which would undo local control, eliminate all programs for special populations, transfer all authority to governors, and reduce overall funding by two-thirds.

I am writing to you today to ask that you personalize and forward the attached letter to your senator if he or she serves on the Senate HELP Committee (see list below) no later than July 14<sup>th</sup>, as we anticipate that the bill will be introduced on or shortly after July 15.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Neil Bomber of the NLC Federal Advocacy team. He will be able to help you with fax numbers and email address, and clarify any policy questions that you might have. You may reach me by phone or email at 202 626 3042 or [bomberg@nlc.org](mailto:bomberg@nlc.org).

Thank you for any assistance you can provide. I hope you have a wonderful July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday.

All the best,  
Neil

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(Date)

Dear Senator \_\_\_\_\_:

In the next few weeks, Sens. Patty Murray and Johnny Isakson will introduce a bi-partisan bill to reauthorize the Workforce Investment Act (WIA). I am writing to urge you to support this bill and to vote yes when it is brought before the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP) Committee later this month.

If adopted into law, I believe that this bill would modernize WIA and ensure that it can respond to the workforce development needs of the 21st century. At this critical juncture in our nation's history, when we face high unemployment rates, a skills gap, and significant competition from China, India and other nations, it is increasingly important that we reauthorize WIA now.

I believe this bill merits your support for several reasons. It would make important improvements to the governance process by streamlining the decision making process while ensuring that governors, local officials, and business leaders provide important support and guidance on program development and implementation. It would ensure that the nation's one stop system is meeting the needs of employers and workers alike through a series of service delivery enhancements, including career based training designed to meet local, regional and national job skills credentials. It would ensure that those populations with special needs continue to receive the kinds of specialized and targeted training and employment services they need, while putting in place better systems for program evaluation and analysis so that Congress can determine how they perform, why they perform as they do, and whether and how to improve or eliminate them.

Simply put, Sens. Murray and Isakson's WIA reauthorization bill is the kind of bill we need right now if we are going to seriously address the nation's skills gap, help put millions of Americans back to work, and respond to the needs of employers and workers alike. I urge you to vote yes when Sens. Murray and Isakson's bi-partisan WIA reauthorization bill comes up for a vote later this month in the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pension Committee.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or need additional information and thank you for considering my request.

Sincerely yours,

(name)

(title)

(city/town/state)